



Bible Study Notes

Subject: Angels – Session #8 – The Angel of The Lord

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The Son of God has always existed. Jesus Christ has always existed but in Bethlehem He began His 30+ years on planet earth. This lesson is about what He did prior to His appearance in Bethlehem. In the OT there is an Angel that appears from time to time and is different from all the other angels. The name given to Him is “the Angel of the Lord”, not “an Angel of the Lord”

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD AND HAGAR – Genesis 16:10-13; 21:17

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD AND ABRAHAM – Genesis 22:11-12

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD AND JACOB – Genesis 31:13; 48:15-16

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD AND MOSES – Genesis 3:1-2,5-6

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD AND ISRAEL – Exodus 13:21; 14:19; 23:20-21

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD AND MANOAH – Judges 13:3-17, 19-22

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD AND PREINCARNATE CHRIST

- The occurrences in angelic form was Jesus Christ prior to coming in the form of flesh
- Another argument is that there was no other appearance of the Angel of the Lord after Jesus was born
- Paul agrees – I Corinthians 10:4
- Jesus claim of being part of this world prior to Bethlehem – Luke 24:27

THE ANGEL OF THE LORD AND US

- Father God choose special times prior to the birth of Christ to let us know of His Son by the different appearances of His Son in the form of the Angel of The Lord
- The purpose of Christ coming in the flesh was for us to see Him and be able to relate to Him. When you know Christ, you know God. John 14:9-10

QUESTIONS

1. When you celebrate Christmas, do you regard this as the beginning of the existence Jesus?
2. What do we learn about His pre-existence from these verses? John 8:48-49; 17:5,24
3. In what specific, everyday occurrences would our life be different if we were living before the birth of Jesus?

There is a term in theology to describe the preincarnate appearance of God. The term is “theophany”. It comes from two words, “Theo” which means God and “phanereo” which means “to show or reveal”. A Theophany is a revelation of God. The Angel of The Lord in the Old Testament was a theophany, a revelation of God.